

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Continuation Application, which claims the benefit of the earlier Application No. 08/820,254 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120. By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1-4 and have added new claims 5-19. Accordingly, claims 5-19 are pending for Examination.


EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be an **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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